AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A power circuit breaker, comprising:

a withdrawable-part rack, arrangable in a switchgear assembly; and

a latching device, adapted to latch the power circuit breaker in the withdrawable-part rack in a latched position, the latching device being actuatable by a ~~drive arrangement and~~switching shaft of the power circuit breaker, the latching device including two latching bolts, displacable essentially axially in opposing directions of action and ~~capable of being brought~~ into interlocking connection with the withdrawable-part rack.

2. (Currently Amended) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latching device includes at least one actuating element, connected to ~~a~~the switching shaft of the power circuit breaker such that it is fixed against rotation, for bringing the latching device into at least one of the latched position and the unlatched position.

3. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating element includes at least one of a gear and a gear segment which meshes with a toothed rod section of the latching bolts.

4. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating element includes a crank arrangement, in engagement with a link guide of the latching bolts.

5. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating element is connected to the latching bolt via at least one of open and closed cam disks.

6. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein

the actuating element is connected to the latching bolts by at least one of a cable pull and a Bowden cable.

7. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

8.-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

12. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 3, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

13. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

14. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 5, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

15. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 6, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

16. (Currently Amended) A power circuit breaker, comprising:
a withdrawable-part rack, arrangable in a switchgear assembly; and

latching means for latching the power circuit breaker in the withdrawable-part rack in a latched position, the latching means being actuatable by a switching shaft of the power circuit breaker, the latching means including two latching bolts, displacable essentially axially in opposing directions of action and ~~capable of being brought~~ into interlocking connection with the withdrawable-part rack.

17. (Currently Amended) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 16, wherein the latching means includes at least one actuating means, connected to ~~a~~the switching shaft of the power circuit breaker such that it is fixed against rotation, for bringing the latching means into at least one of the latched position and the unlatched position.

18. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means includes at least one of a gear and a gear segment which meshes with a toothed rod section of the latching bolts.

19. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means includes a crank arrangement, in engagement with a link guide of the latching bolts.

20. (Previously Presented) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is connected to the latching bolt via at least one of open and closed cam disks.